



# WOODS WATCH

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The Coventry Woods Neighborhood Association

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## 2006 CWNA BOARD ELECTED

Your organization's 2006 board of directors was elected at the Jan. 25 general membership meeting of the Coventry Woods Neighborhood Association. You should know their names and faces by now: The seven-member 2005 board was re-elected. At its March board meeting, its members elected officers; all are retaining the positions each held last year.

President – John Bordsen  
Vice President – Dean Bartlett (focus: transportation and real estate)  
Secretary/Webmaster – John Autry  
Treasurer – Bill Cooper  
At large: Shannon Oruska (focus: schools)  
At large: Jack Hudspeth (focus: logistics)  
At large: Jim Faulkner

Board meetings are held the second Thursday of every month; the time and location varies to accommodate board members' schedules. For details on the next board meeting, contact a board member or e-mail [info@coventrywoods.org](mailto:info@coventrywoods.org).

In the coming year, we hope to count on key members for their continued administrative support. They include Fran McGrath (meetings, events), Sheila Saints (Cedarwood Park), Chrissy and Sally Buckley (membership database) and the volunteers who distribute our newsletters and flyers.

The goal of the CWNA, an all-volunteer organization, is to preserve, protect and advance the Coventry Woods neighborhood of East Charlotte. Full membership (\$25 per household per year) is open to homeowners living between Sharon Amity Road and Reddman Road, between Amity Place and Cedarwood Park and the nearby county park lands. For member information, visit our Web site: [www.coventrywoods.org](http://www.coventrywoods.org).

## APRIL 15: EASTER EGG HUNT At CEDARWOOD PARK

Mecklenburg County Park & Rec will be staging an Easter Egg Hunt at Cedarwood Park from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, April 15 for kids in Coventry Woods and other area neighborhoods. In the coming days, Park & Rec. flyers will be posted around the park with more details.

## APRIL 29: EASTSIDE TREASURES INVITES YARD SALE-ERS

Charlotte EAST Community Partners, an umbrella group of East Charlotte neighborhood organizations, is sponsoring a yard-sale event Saturday, April 29, from 7 a.m. to noon. Residents of Coventry Woods are invited to participate.

CECP asks that each sale site pay \$5 for a city permit. They want to do this by-the-book, and the \$5 license is legally required. Feel free to invite those next-door to haul their stuff outside -- and split your \$5 fee.

CECP makes no money from staging this. Nor does the Coventry Woods Neighborhood Association. But the event is already being publicized in area papers and on TV stations; the idea behind Eastside Treasures is to encourage visitors who live elsewhere to come into East Charlotte neighborhoods and see how wonderful they are.

Each participating neighborhood will receive two large signs advertising the event. On Saturday, April 29, the Coventry Woods signs would most likely be posted at Coronado Drive and Sharon Amity Road, and on Farmingdale Drive south of Amity Place -- the two busiest and most visible entrances to Coventry Woods. The CWNA may purchase additional entrance signs.

You could consider this event a neighborhood open house -- with the opportunity to empty your attic or shed and sell items you no longer need. CECP needs a participant count by March 31. If you (or you and your neighbors) would like to participate, call Carolyn Hudspeth 704-537-6438 by March 30th

## **SPRING REMINDERS FOR A BETTER NEIGHBORHOOD**

- City ordinances require grass to be no longer than 1 foot tall. If and when you see a lawn with grass getting near that level, call 311 – the Charlotte-Mecklenburg help line – and request that a Housing Code inspector visit the property.

- Doing spring cleaning? If you're getting rid of large objects, it's a good idea to call 311 a week and a half before you get to work – and schedule a bulky-item pickup. On that Friday (they're the same day as garbage and recycling pickup in Coventry Woods), a special truck will swing by your house and remove those items.

Please do not simply put items out for collection: Standard Friday garbage trucks will not take materials that are not in your roll-out container or recycling bin. Leaving those items in front of your house is unsightly – and a code violation.

"The City of Charlotte's Health and Sanitation Code requires property owners to maintain their premises in a safe and sanitary condition. Violations include high weeds/grass, accumulation of trash or junk, junk automobiles, etc.," according to [www.charmeck.org](http://www.charmeck.org), the city-county Web site.

- Taking a walk through our beautiful streets? Good for you (and good exercise, too)! If you're walking your dog, you are responsible for anything the animal leaves. Translation: You have no excuse for leaving a "calling card" on someone's lawn. Be polite: Take a small bag with you (and a scoop, glove, sheet of paper toweling or plastic wrap – to get the mess picked up and in that bag).

- Even if you're out walking without a pet, how about taking along a litter bag? You're not responsible for picking up the litter left by others... but your efforts to pick up will be appreciated: We'll all be rewarded with a more beautiful and litter-free Coventry Woods.

For more tips and code information, visit [www.coventrywoods.org](http://www.coventrywoods.org). Click "News," then click "Woods Watch Fall 2005 Issue" and "Woods Watch Spring 2005".

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## **APRIL 25: CWNA SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON DIFFERENT WEEKDAY, DIFFERENT LOCATION**

Our spring general membership meeting will be held on a different weekday -- and at a convenient but different location.

Many CWNA families have said they've been unable to attend the three-times-a-year membership meetings because they've been held on Wednesdays. Religious and civic groups often hold meetings on that weekday.

Amity Presbyterian, where CWNA meetings are held, has other groups using its Johnson Hall on other weekdays.

Columbus Swim & Tennis Club, on Idlewild Road, has allowed us to book their hall on Tuesday, April 25 for our 7 p.m. membership meeting.

Columbus is a few blocks north of the Girl Scout headquarters, where Idlewild Road crosses Campbell Creek. It has ample parking and is just blocks from Cedarwood Park.

You may know Columbus as a neighborhood swim club: The long-established pool was known as Idlewild Olympic Swim & Tennis into the 1990s. Though now administered by members of the Knights of Columbus, pool membership is open to anyone.

Many current or former residents of Coventry Woods are members; it's where generations of Coventry Woods kids learned to swim, participated on swim teams, and have worked as lifeguards.

The pool will be open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend this year; swim team training begins May 15. Swimming lessons for children are offered later in the summer. 2006 membership is \$450 per family. For pool membership information, contact Columbus president and CWNA member Ed McGrath, at (704) 537-7860.

In the meantime, mark your calendars for the April 25 CWNA meeting there.

As usual, the CWNA meeting is open to all who live in Coventry Woods. There will be speakers and great door prizes. If you haven't paid your \$25 this year, you may join or renew your membership April 25.

A flyer about the CWNA's spring meeting -- April 25 meeting at Columbus Swim & Tennis -- will be distributed the weekend before the event.

**KEEP THESE NUMBERS HANDY**

POLICE/FIRE/MEDICAL EMERGENCIES -- Call 911

POLICE (Non-Emergency) Telephone Reporting:  
704-353-1000

Independence Division (Baker 3) 9315G Monroe Rd.  
704-841-1477

Fax: 704-841-1873

The Independence Division (Baker 3) comprises nearly 59 square miles of Mecklenburg County with a strong commercial presence along with a multitude of residential areas. Baker 3 is located in the southeastern portion of Mecklenburg County. There are 85 officers, 9 sergeants, an investigative technician and a captain assigned to the district. The office is currently located at 9315G Monroe Rd. The district is divided into three response areas and operates five work shifts with two overlapping shifts. The majority of officers are assigned to these shifts, although the district also operates a Street Crimes Unit, Traffic Unit and Community Coordinators.

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COUNTY PARK & RECREATION  
Main Phone: (704) 336-3854  
Parks are open sun up to sun down or 8 PM whichever comes first

BUS ROUTE/FARE INFO: CATS  
704-336-RIDE  
The automated telephone service is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to provide information on all transit services.

INDEPENDENCE BRANCH LIBRARY  
6000 Conference Drive  
Phone: (704) 568-3151  
Hours of Operation:  
Monday-Thursday 9am - 9pm  
Friday-Saturday 9am - 6pm  
Sunday 1pm - 6pm



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**Spring 2006  
Pine Straw Sale**

**Order now for April 15  
weekend delivery**

**Beautify your yard -- and our neighborhood -- by placing it around your shrubs and trees! Once again, we've contracted with a nurseryman in the S.C. Pinehills to deliver quality bales of pine straw to Coventry Woods.**

**Once again,  
CWNA volunteers will delivery your bales to your driveway!**

**Great pine straw. Great price.  
Delivered to your driveway.**

**\$4.25 per bale!**

**To order, call: John Bordsen, (704-567-8761),  
Jack Hudspeth (704-537-6438) or Jim Faulkner (704-536-7802)**

**A portion of the proceeds goes to  
the Coventry Woods Neighborhood Association**

**Volunteers needed! Can you help deliver bales to your neighbors  
the weekend of April 15? Call and let us know!**